Imagine a world / Imagina un mundo ...

Our 46th Annual Conference will build on more than four decades of work in our field to think creatively and collectively about how we can create a more sustainable future. We will pay tribute to the importance of the first international conference on environmental education, which was held in Tbilisi, Georgia, in 1977, and brought together environmental education leaders from around the world who first framed how education can help address the growing environmental and social challenges facing society. During the conference, we will share ideas and innovation about how we can build on the Tbilisi framework to imagine a better future and create a path forward for the field in the coming decade and beyond.

Schedule at a Glance

Monday, October 16
- Research Symposium Field Session*
- Research Networking Dinner*

Tuesday, October 17
- Research Symposium*

Wednesday, October 18
- Research Symposium continues
- Pre-conference workshops* (full day and half day)
- Pre-conference field trips*
- Opening Reception, including Share Fair, Authors’ Corner, and Exhibit Fair (starts at 5:00 PM)
- Conference Opening
- Keynote Speaker: Jane Goodall

Thursday, October 19
- Concurrent and plenary sessions
- Exhibit Fair Luncheon, including Affiliate Welcome and Silent Auction
- Poster Sessions
- HHMI BioInteractive Short Film Screening
- Rum Run*
- Free night: Enjoy San Juan!

Friday, October 20
- Concurrent and plenary sessions
- Exhibit Fair
- eePRO Groups Brown Bag Lunch
- Annual Gala and Auction

Saturday, October 21
- Concurrent sessions
- Awards Luncheon
- Closing: 30 Under 30 Youth Panel

Sunday, October 22
- Post-conference field trips*

*Requires separate registration fee

Choose from a wide variety of concurrent sessions in six strands:
- Applying Research to Increase Our Impact
- Conservation and Environmental Education
- Educating for Sustainable Communities
- Green Schools
- Inspiring Connections to the Outdoors
- Leadership and Capacity Building

For details and registration information: www.naaee.org/conference
An Exciting Lineup of Keynote Speakers*

**Wednesday, October 18**

Jane Goodall, Ph.D., DBE
Founder, the Jane Goodall Institute & UN Messenger of Peace

In July 1960, Jane Goodall began her landmark study of chimpanzee behavior in what is now Tanzania. Her work at Gombe Stream would become the foundation of future primatological research and redefine the relationship between humans and animals.

In 1977, Dr. Goodall established the Jane Goodall Institute, which continues the Gombe research and is a global leader in the effort to protect chimpanzees and their habitats. The Institute is widely recognized for innovative, community-centered conservation and development programs in Africa, and Jane Goodall’s Roots & Shoots, the global environmental and humanitarian youth program.

Dr. Goodall founded Roots & Shoots with a group of Tanzanian students in 1991. Today, Roots & Shoots connects hundreds of thousands of youth in more than 130 countries who take action to make the world a better place for people, animals and the environment.

Dr. Goodall travels an average 300 days per year, speaking about the threats facing chimpanzees, other environmental crises, and her reasons for hope that humankind will solve the problems it has imposed on the earth.

Dr. Goodall’s honors include the French Legion of Honor, the Medal of Tanzania, and Japan’s prestigious Kyoto Prize. In 2002, Dr. Goodall was appointed to serve as a United Nations Messenger of Peace and in 2003, she was named a Dame of the British Empire.

For more information about Dr. Goodall and the work of the Jane Goodall Institute, please visit www.janegoodall.org. For information about Roots & Shoots, visit http://rootsandshoots.org.

**Thursday, October 19**

Carmen Guerrero Pérez
Director, Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Protecting an Island: What We’ve Learned About Natural Resource Management, Community Outreach, and Education in Puerto Rico

**Friday, October 20**

**Resilience, Education, and Hope**

**PANELISTS:**

Vicki Arroyo
Executive Director, Georgetown Climate Center and Professor from Practice, Georgetown Law

William Spitzer
Vice President for Programs, Exhibits, and Planning, New England Aquarium

Vernard Williams
Director of Equity & Inclusion, Alliance for Climate Education

**Saturday, October 21**

**30 Under 30**

The conference culminates with our annual awards luncheon along with a panel of inspirational young leaders at the forefront of environmental change.

*Check the conference website for more information.*
There are three tracks for keynote events and corresponding concurrent sessions:

1. Research challenges and opportunities at Tbilisi+40
   Sessions explore two key themes: “Tbilisi +40: Honoring the Past” and “Imagine a World: Future Vision” to focus on what has happened in, and been researched since, the 1977 signing of the UNESCO Tbilisi Declaration; and how research might help facilitate a shared vision for the field’s future.

2. Intergenerational conversations about the past, present, and future of EE research
   Sessions explore the key theme: “ReEngaging the Debate on What’s Needed as the Mainstream and Alternatives in Environmental Education Research,” to examine new horizons and challenges for researchers, research, and the Research Symposium itself in times of change, and the dynamism of the EE research field.

3. Mainstays and innovations at the Research Symposium
   Sessions explore works-in-progress, the stories behind research, and how what we have learned prepares us for future research. Sessions also consider opportunities, challenges, conceptual models, ethical dilemmas, new methods, overlooked approaches, applications to practice, and emotional responses to undertaking EE research.

The Research Symposium provides opportunities to meet with colleagues and mentors to discuss a range of topics: publishing and career advice, issues and concerns in the world of research, desirable futures for the Research Symposium, and more.

**eeHACK**

Hack #enviroed! Creativity and collaboration | empathy and experimentation | inspiration and ideation.
Participate in open sessions to generate disruptive ideas that address challenges hardwired into the field. What might NAAEE prioritize to draw unlikely collaborators, such as economic and workforce development leaders, into EE? What kind of pipeline needs building to develop a steady flow of boundary-pushing researchers? What strategies and partnerships might support more diverse participation in EE? How can #enviroed researchers foster mindsets in policy, practice, and community that encourage engagement with research outcomes? We’re eager for your input and energy that work towards solutions on these and other such “hackables!”

**EE Research at El Yunque National Forest: Field Session**

**Monday, October 16 (11:00 AM–5:00 PM)**
Public lands are key sites of environmental education in its many forms (formal, informal, and nonformal). In collaboration with El Yunque National Forest rangers, Dr. Charlotte Clark and Dr. Rachelle Gould will use a research lens to host this field trip to one of Puerto Rico’s most-visited and vibrant public forests. This field session will highlight El Yunque visitor research with tourists and students; explore the forest’s ecological teaching garden; and engage participants in a short activity to highlight ongoing studies at this tropical forest.

**Research Networking Dinner**

**Monday, October 16 (7:00 PM)**
Join us at a nearby restaurant for a casual evening of food, fun, and conversation focused on EE research. Diners will include the Research Symposium Collaborative Planning Team, co-leaders of the afternoon field session, and featured keynote panel speakers/discussants, along with many other colleagues, friends, and mentors.

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Pre-Conference Field Trips

**El Yunque: Walk in the Cloud Forest**
Explore the wonders and sacredness of El Yunque, the only tropical rain forest in the U.S. National Forest System. After a visit to the El Portal Visitor Center, ascend through the rain forest to the Mt. Britton observation tower. There, surrounded by clouds, you can enjoy spectacular views. Learn about the natural and human dynamics of this jewel of Puerto Rico.

- **Time:** 8:00 AM–4:30 PM
- **Location:** El Yunque National Forest
- **Cost:** $85
- **Notes:** Includes lunch and transportation. This is an intermediate to challenging hike in uneven and steep terrain. Participants should be able to hike and stand for more than two consecutive hours. Conditions might fluctuate between extreme rain and sun.

**ENLACE: A Model of Community Restoration**
The environmental degradation of the Caño Martín Peña, a tidal channel in San Juan, is a threat to the health and safety of over 26,000 residents living in adjacent communities. ENLACE is changing this. Take a bicycle tour of the communities and a boat tour of the San Juan Bay Estuary to experience this community-led effort to attain social and environmental justice.

- **Time:** 8:30 AM–4:30 PM
- **Location:** Caño Martín Peña
- **Cost:** $120
- **Notes:** Includes a locally prepared lunch, transportation, bike rental, and boat trip. Note that participants will be exposed to seeing raw sewage waters, garbage, and debris.

**Puerto Rico’s Sweet History and Unique Ecosystems**
The restored structures of one of Puerto Rico’s most important 19th century sugar plantations now serve as headquarters for Hacienda La Esperanza Nature Reserve and Historical Site. Tour the plantation site and then hike through the karst hills known as mogotes, exploring the forests and natural springs of this characteristic landscape, and its role in the natural and cultural history of Puerto Rico.

- **Time:** 8:30 AM–4:30 PM
- **Location:** Hacienda La Esperanza Nature Reserve and Historic Site, Fajardo
- **Cost:** $70
- **Notes:** Includes lunch and transportation. Participants should be able to hike and stand for more than two consecutive hours in uneven and steep terrain.

Pre-Conference Workshops

**Wednesday, October 18**
Visit naaee.org/conference for descriptions and prices.

**Full-Day Workshops**
- Create Your Own Community Water Discussion Guide Using the Environmental Issues Forum Model
- EE, Ethics, and Action: Imagining Sustainable Communities, Global Citizenship
- The GLOBE Program and Eco-Schools: Science and Sustainability in School Gardens
- Leaf Pack Network: An International Program for Macroinvertebrate Stream Bioassessment
- The Road to NAAEE Higher Education Accreditation: A Map for Success
- Train-the-Trainer Workshop: NAAEE’s Environmental Education Guidelines for Community Engagement

**Morning Workshops**
- Partnerships for Impact in EE
- Colaboraciones Transparentes: Cómo Lograr Mayor Equidad, Diversidad e Inclusión en la EA (bilingual)
- Creating and Supporting Culturally Relevant Organizational Change
- Professional Learning to Teach Instructors to Use Evidence and Explanations
- Teach Inquiry-Based Ecology with a Citizen Science Trail Camera Project

**Afternoon Workshops**
- Building a Stronger, More Inclusive Movement
- Climate Change Community Level Solutions: Moving from “Me” to “We”
- Ideate, Innovate! Connecting Research and Practice in Environmental Education
- Haciendo Ciencia Ciudadana con Cámaras Trampa para Aprender Ecología (en Español)
Post-Conference Field Trips

Saturday, October 21

Moonlight Kayak on Laguna Grande
Discover the secrets of the night at Las Cabezas de San Juan Nature Reserve. During this moonlit tour, see the nighttime biodiversity of the Reserve, experience the extraordinary natural phenomenon of bioluminescence as you quietly kayak along the majestic Laguna Grande, and learn about the importance of conserving this valuable ecosystem.

Time: 5:00 PM–10:00 PM
Location: Cabezas de San Juan Nature Reserve
Cost: $105
Notes: Includes dinner, transportation, and kayaks. Because the intensity of bioluminescence is not 100% predictable and depends on multiple variables, we cannot guarantee its visibility.

Sunday, October 22

Nature and Old San Juan
In collaboration with the National Park Service, this walking tour will explore the crucial role of nature in shaping the structures and fortifications of Old San Juan. We’ll walk through bastions and historical sites, and visit the restoration laboratory in Polvorín Santa Elena to learn about the use of lime in the restoration of historical structures.

Time: 9:00 AM–2:30 PM
Location: Casa Ramon Power and Giralt
Cost: $25
Notes: 2½ hour walking tour, with stops. One hour will be in direct sunlight. Wheelchair accessible. Includes transportation and two hours to purchase lunch (on your own) and shop in Old San Juan.

Wetlands Adventure
Paddle, swim, snorkel, and gather scientific data! Search for and identify birds and take limnological samples on the grounds of the former naval station, and contribute your findings to Ebird Puerto Rico and Para la Naturaleza databases. Then kayak through the channels of Los Machos Wetlands, snorkel along the mangrove roots, and discover the wildlife of the pristine red mangrove ecosystem.

Time: 9:00 AM–4:30 PM
Location: Los Machos Wetlands, Ceiba
Cost: $80
Notes: Includes lunch and transportation. Kayaks, snorkels, and masks will be provided. The kayak tour is about three hours long and requires moderate to constant exercise with the arms.

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Conference Opportunities

You can sign up for these exciting conference opportunities when you register for the conference.

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Wednesday, October 18

Share Fair
At the Share Fair, nonprofit organizations can highlight their successful programs and inspiring ideas through tabletop displays and engaging conversations. This event will be held during the opening reception on Wednesday evening.

Authors’ Corner
Want to share your latest works with conference participants? Authors can interact with conference attendees and promote, sign, and sell their publications in the Authors’ Corner. This event will be held during the opening reception on Wednesday evening.

Thursday, October 19

HHMI BioInteractive Movie Night
HHMI BioInteractive develops educational films capturing the essence of scientific thinking and the thrill of scientific discovery. Come enjoy some of our newest short films highlighting ecology and conservation biology, and featuring the work of Dr. Manuel Leal, who studies the behavioral ecology of lizards in Puerto Rico. Enjoy light hors d’oeuvres, the screening, and a discussion session with special guests.

Rum Run
What better way to meet new colleagues than to spend your open evening networking over a few drinks? Join the Rum Run bus and visit three Old San Juan nightspots to enjoy signature Puerto Rican cocktails. The venues were selected for their authentic local flavor. Participants must be over 21.

Friday, October 20

Annual Gala and Stapp Scholarship Auction
Join us for a spirited evening with live music, dancing, artisan craft vendors, authentic Puerto Rican fare, and time to spend with your friends and colleagues at the incredible El Cuartel de Ballajá, the Ballajá Infantry Barracks Building. Completed in 1864, the barracks is one of the most impressive buildings constructed by Spain in the New World, and it stands as the last example of monumental architecture by the Spanish Monarchy in the Americas.

The evening’s entertainment will include our fun-filled live auction, which features special treasures in all price ranges, including a fabulous trip to the Galapagos Islands donated by Lindblad Expeditions. Also be there to slip in your final bid and snatch up a great variety of books, arts and crafts, jewelry, clothing, pottery, and more as the silent auction concludes.

Auction Donations Needed
Our annual Stapp Scholarship Auction helps support NAAEE’s student scholarship fund. We welcome your donations; the more great items we have to auction off, the more students we can help support.

Want to Volunteer?
Volunteers have two options for reducing conference registration rates: work a four-hour shift and attend the rest of that day for free (Thursday or Friday only), or volunteer for eight hours over the course of the conference and earn free registration. Meals are not included but can be purchased separately. Interested? Contact us at conference@naaee.org.

Reducing Our Carbon Footprint
NAAEE is working with Renewable Choice Energy to reduce the environmental impact of our conference. You can easily purchase verified emission reductions (VERs) on your registration form. This voluntary effort helps balance the carbon dioxide emissions associated with your travel to the conference and use of resources during your stay in San Juan.

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

NAAEE is committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the field of environmental education. Among other conference opportunities, the Center for Diversity and the Environment, an ee360 partner, will offer a workshop on Wednesday, the Environmental Professionals of Color will be holding a national business meeting on Thursday, and our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion eePRO group will be meeting on Friday. We strive to dedicate at least 15 percent of our concurrent sessions to exploring strategies and programs that help diversify our audiences as well as our workforce, build cultural competence, support environmental justice, engage with new audiences, forge new and lasting partnerships, honor traditional knowledge, and increase our reach and relevance throughout society.

Conference Venue

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